**Communication Tools Activity**

**I. Tour of Communication Tools**

1. Tour VoiceThread and Blabberize as examples of communication tools.

**Voicethread**

*VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comments in several ways – using voice, text, audio file, or video. Users can doodle while commenting, use multiple identities, and pick which comments are shown. The thread can be exported to MP3 players or DVDs, embedded into a website, or emailed to others.*

**Blabberize**

*Blabberize is a very easy application that allows you to speak through a picture. Students can manipulate the picture to say what they want it to say. Teachers have used this resource for quick projects such as retelling stories, reporting and reviewing books, explaining math or science processes, and creating biographies. The possibilities are endless using Blabberize as a communication tool.*

**II. Processing Activity**

A. Explore the Communication Tools – VoiceThread, Blabberize.

B. Use VoiceThread

Refer to the link provided by your trainer to the VoiceThread URL and click on the link. (This link may be on a wiki or on a handout emailed to you.) For additional support in using VoiceThread, refer to the tutorial in the Appendix.

C. Communication Prompt

***How might you integrate these communication tools in your instruction?***

Consider the following when answering: **Applications** (using the tools in various grade levels and content areas), **Barriers** (limitations with equipment, time, etc.) and **Cautions** (advice, tips, suggestions, and examples of the tools)